II. REMARKS

This paper is submitted in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued regarding the reply filed on September 20, 2004 by Applicants in connection with the above-identified application. The Office did not enter the amendment and reply on the ground that the amendment did not follow the requirements of amended 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. The Office advised that submission of the non-compliant section of the reply will obviate the grounds for the Notice and accordingly, the amendment will be entered and considered by the Office. In view of the above listing of the claims, reconsideration and entry of the amendment and reply filed on September 20, 2004 by the Applicant is respectfully requested.

Claims 53 to 93 are pending in the subject application. Claims 1 to 52 were canceled in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/856,127.

III. CONCLUSION

No fee, other than the filing fee, is considered necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment and Reply. However, should the Patent Office determine that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-2518, referencing attorney docket no. 2023896-7008303001. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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